

to (in Balt)
Oct. 20/76.

Merchantville
New Jersey

To the
Rev. W. R. Wittingham, D.D.,
Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Bishop:-

Your very kind letter of
the 14th I received on the
morning of the 16th inst. -

I am really not able at
present to answer it as it
deserves - It is almost
impossible to imagine a
worse position in the which
to place a man - And yet
the position of the man

is as nothing - when one looks at
the position in which an important
Mission of the American Church
is placed - We cannot discontinue
our work this ^{year} without actual
disgrace - and as I shall
endeavor to continue as
best I can - until the
meeting of the General
Convention - when I shall
make my report for three
years to the House of
Bishops - and resign -

I will write you more at
length in a few days and
hope to be able to see
you soon - It may not
be wise to give any publicity
to this determination or the

part of the Church's ^{committee} to discontinue the work ^{and} I shall
do as usual - The Commission has not formally
resigned to the House of Bishops - and I do not
see that it can until some report is made -
and the whole subject is fairly opened in
a triennial meeting of the bishops. -

I am sick at heart over this matter -
cannot bear to write more about it now -
I thank you heartily for your fatherly guidance
and help - and with much love - remain -

October 19/76  Sincerely faithfully, Wm. Lowthion.
Wm. Lowthion -

Rev E Kenney
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